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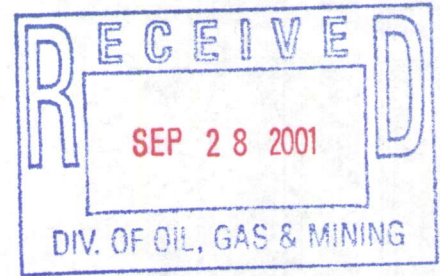
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September 27, 2001

Mr. Jon Showalter
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West Slope Operations
P.O. Box 700
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RE: ML 45609-BSLS
DOGM # M/037/084

Dear Mr. Showalter,

Thank you for your Notice of Intent dated September 20, 2001, to revise your mine plan for to add 28.5 acres. Trust lands proposed for the expansion of the Papoose Mine are covered by Mineral Lease, ML 45609-BSLS. The lessee of record is Cotter Corporation and the lease is in good standing.

The area proposed for mine expansion has been surveyed for cultural resources by La Plata Archaeological Consultants, of Dolores Colorado, Report #LAC 2001-27. The report has been reviewed and cleared by the Trust Lands Administration.

The Trust Lands Administration supports the proposal to expand the Papoose Mine. Lessee is required to comply with all requirements of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, including the posting of adequate reclamation bonding. Also prior to the commencement of operations, please notify all other trust lands lessees and permittees in the effected lands and resolve any questions that may arise regarding access and multiple land use.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John T. Blake
Mineral Resources Specialist

CC Paul Baker